

Environment Subcommittee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to HB1500

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1750

House Bill No. 1500*

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by deleting the preamble of the introduced bill in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language immediately preceding the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, adequate rural waterworks and rural water distribution systems are essential to the health, safety, and economic welfare of the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, not all areas are financially able to undertake actions and projects that would guarantee such adequate rural waterworks and rural water distribution systems will be available to all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, present law in Tennessee does not adequately address these issues, thus creating an inability to address this important issue in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, other states have enacted legislation and implemented programs to alleviate the problems associated with rural water usage and water quality, giving state government more responsibility and authority in this important area; now, therefore,
AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in its entirety all language following the enacting clause in the introduced bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby created a special joint committee to study rural water distribution systems and their fiscal needs, and any other rural water-related environmental, economic, or health-related issues the committee deems appropriate.

(b) The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

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(c) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

(d) All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

(e) The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

(f) The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly no later than February 1, 2003, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.